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UNO grieves with rest of Omaha over Pratt's death

MARION RHODES

News editor

The flags of UNO, joining flags all over Omaha, flew at half-staff until Tuesday in remembrance of Omaha Police Sgt. Jason Tye Pratt.

More than 6,000 people gathered at the Civic Auditorium on Tuesday to say thank you and goodbye to the slain officer.

About 1,300 law enforcement officers from 90 agencies took time out of their day to pay respect to their fellow officer and stood at attention as Pratt's casket slowly made its way to the Civic Auditorium. The grieving officers wore badges that were wrapped in black bands.

A funeral procession followed the casket from the Civic to Calvary Cemetery, passing a seven-mile salute by thousands of people to whom Pratt was a complete stranger



Many officers line the streets of Omaha during the funeral procession for Sqt. Jason Pratt. (see back page for more)

only a week ago. Pratt's casket was also greeted with a 30-by-50-foot American flag draped over the entrance of the cemetery at West Center Road. Before Pratt was laid to rest, the procession passed the grave of the last Omaha police officer, Jimmy Wilson Jr., who was killed in the line of duty in 1995.

Pratt, 30, was shot in the head Sept. 11 when he tried to find a man who fled after being pulled over for erratic driving in Northeast Omaha. The man, Albert Rucker, was shot and killed by another police officer, Frank Platt.

Pratt hung on to life for seven

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UNO strives to become DHS research center

CARRIE ZAAYER

UNO has been chosen to submit a final proposal for a new Department of Homeland Security research center, which might be established at the university.

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of University Programs plans to establish university-based Homeland Security Centers of Excellence that would attract academic scholars in pursuit of homeland security related disciplines, according to the Department's Web

UNO is one of 12 finalists, narrowed down from 72 institutions that submitted concept papers to the DHS Center of Excellence for Risk Analysis and Modeling Related to the Economic Consequences of Terrorism.

Research for the center would measure the economic impact of attacks on places such as railroads, bridges and the port authority. It would involve creating scenarios of terrorist attacks on various parts of the transportation and distribution infrastructure of the United States, said Jerry Wagner, a senior research fellow in the College of Information Science and Technology.

'We're interested in finding ways to respond to that particular incident," Wagner said. "What are the

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UNMC receives largest grant in its history

KINDRA KRUEGER

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has been awarded two grants totaling \$20.5 million from the National Institutes of Health through its Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence program.

The first grant, \$10.6 million, will be used to study genes in neurosensory systems and is the largest grant ever received by UNMC. The second grant, \$9.9 million, will be used to research cell signaling, the biochemical response of cells to their environment and various cancers.

The neurosensory grant will fund four separate research projects led by junior scientists at UNMC, Creighton University and Boys Town National Research Hospital. The projects will study the auditory system genes in response to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, the effect of growth factors on the development of nerve connections to the skin, genetic factors that protect against viral infections in the nervous system, and the development and maintenance of balance in aging adults.

Shelley Smith, director of the UNMC Center for Molecular Genetics, is the principal investigator for the grant.

Thomas Rosenquist, vice chancellor for research at UNMC, said the proposal for the use of the grant underwent enormous review due to the size of the grant.

"These grants are highly competitive because they're so big and because they're extraordinarily valuable to the state," Rosenquist said.

The five-year cellular signaling grant will establish an NIH-designated Nebraska Center for Cellular Signaling at UNMC. Margaret Wheelock, professor of oral biology at the UNMC College of Dentistry, is the principal investigator for the grant. Research projects will be done at UNMC, the University Nebraska-Lincoln and Creighton University.

Research will focus on cancer and cell signaling around the head and neck, prostate and colon.

'Normally, cells in the body signal to one another," Wheelock said. "During the cancer process, cell signaling goes awry. We're studying what's gone wrong in the signaling pathways when cells grow more rapidly and divide. If we can modify the information pathway in the cells, perhaps we can decrease the potential of the cancerous cell to spread."

The grant is a major step for the UNMC College of Dentistry because nearly 8,000 people in the United States die of oral and pharyngeal cancers each year, said John Reinhardt, dean of the UNMC College of Dentistry. "Oral cancers are particularly aggressive; the overall 5-year survival rate is only 52 percent - worse than cancers of the breast, uterus, colon, and prostate."

Under sunny skies. . .



Scholarship donors, recipients, deans, faculty and advisors gather at a patio party for College of Business scholars at Roskens Hall Wednesday afternoon.

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MAT: Alternative to UNO parking?

KIMBERLY BRYANT

Copy editor

UNO parking. Two words that put anxiety and frustration into the hearts of many UNO students. The thought of dealing with campus parking causes many students to groan.

While the university has developed ways to alleviate the parking situation though methods such as South campus and Crossroads mall shuttles, there is another option, which some students choose to take advantage

That option is Metro Area Transit. Otherwise known as MAT.

Some UNO students opt to take to bus so they do not have to deal with the stress that comes from UNO parking. For some, it is just easier to leave their car at home and hop on the bus. Other students take the bus because it is their main form of transportation.

Juniors Sarah Krahulik and Kent Lenz take the bus because they don't want to deal with campus parking.

"It's so much easier to take the bus. It's pretty much on time and we've never had any problems with it really." Lenz agreed. "It's easy for us. We live right on the busline." Both Krahulik and Lenz take the bus twice a week when coming to campus.

"I tend to take it more when the weather is bad. My truck doesn't like the snow very much," Lenz said.

Freshman Stacy Hopkins said he rides the bus almost every day. He takes the bus because his ride usually isn't able to pick him up until 4, so he takes the bus if he wants to leave campus early.

Graduate student Mamadou F. said, "Since my car broke down, I have to take the bus." He said he likes taking the bus. "It's good. It's fun sometimes. It can be less risky [than driving]," he said.

While driving and being able to find a parking space on campus has its perks, taking the bus also has its advantages. MAT buses run every 15 minutes to every 30 minutes during

"I believe it would offer more flexibility to

people. Maybe people would want to park in other places and ride MAT," said Linda Barritt, MAT marketing director.

Since 1990, MAT has experienced a 25 percent downward trend in ridership. As a result, Barritt said, "We have to establish more convenience and more flexibility. We need to give you more options on how to get from point A to point B."

Some of the future changes for the bus system include increasing service areas to all of Douglas and Sarpy counties and to areas that can support mass transit. Other changes include adding a multi-ride ticket and a weekly/monthly pass in the future.

'In the long run, wouldn't it equate to a reduced number of parking stalls [at UNO]

that you need over time? Not everyone is going to do it every single time [ride the bus], but it's an option that should be looked

Barritt said that one will find that it is cheaper to ride the bus than it is to drive.

UNL and the Lincoln transit system, StarTran, has a deal that allows UNL students, faculty and staff to ride all StarTran routes with a special bus pass issued by the university. Students must show their current UNLID card when boarding the bus. The cards are paid for through student fees at UNL. Barritt said that MAT has approached UNO in the past, but said UNO was not receptive to the idea.

Jim Buck, vice chancellor of University Affairs and Communication said that when coming up with ways to deal with parking in the past and developing the shuttle system plan, all avenues, including MAT transportation, were examined.

"We have a situation different from UNL.

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Metro Area Transit is another alternative form of transportation for students.

Three-story fall changes life for UNO student, family

Josie Loza

Editor-in-chiel

Life changed in a matter of seconds for Pavel

One moment, he was a college student enjoying a night out with his friends, the next moment, he was struggling to reevaluate the path of his life.

The hardworking, athletic UNO student enjoyed spending countless hours in-line skating on Lake Zorinsky's trails. He also loved camping, boating and most of all, playing video games until his hands turned blue.

"All that has changed, now," said his sister Katerina

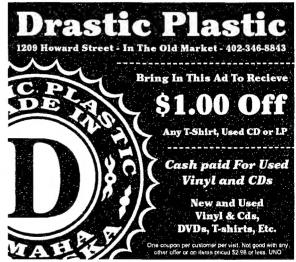
Kazantsey, 20, fell from a third-floor balcony and broke his neck on Sept. 9. The accident occurred at a friend's apartment complex near 90th and Maple Streets, said Goldman.

"He was sitting on the rails and lost his balance," she said. "Now, he's paralyzed from the chest down."

Despite the accident, Kazantsev is determined to get back on his feet one day and continue his education.

"He had hopes of receiving a bachelor's degree in







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Monday Sept. 29

The Labels (MBSC Plaza)

Tuesday Sept. 30

11:30 a.m.

Tie-Dye in the Pep Bowl

8 p.m.

Woodstock (in the Pep Bowl)

- -Mascot contest
- -Best Woodstock campsite
- -Skit contest
- -Limbo contest
- -Painting contest
- *Rain location: MBSC Nebraska Room and Ballroom

Wednesday Oct. / 11:30 a.m. Jim Wand the Hypnotist

(MBSC Nebraska Room and Ballroom)

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Voting for royalty (MBSC, south doors)

8-10 p.m.

Skating at Skateland (132nd and B streets)

Thursday Oct. 2

Noon

Prairie Cats (MBSC Plaza)

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Voting (MBSC, south doors)

Friday Oct. 3

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Voting (MBSC, south doors)

9 p.m.-Midnight

Sock Hop- Homecoming dance (Fireplace Lounge, MBSC first floor)

Saturday Oct. 4 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Open House (MBSC Plaza)

1:30 p.m.

Homecoming game

Royalty crowned at halftime



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MIS," Goldman said. "He really likes the computer stuff. He wants become a network engineer."

Kazantsev and his family moved from Belarus, a country near Russia, to the United States in 1996. He was 13 years old at the time. He graduated from Burke High School in 2001.

Kazantsev and his family left Omaha on Thursday for Englewood, Colo., where Kazantsev will receive physical therapy at a rehabilitation center for three months to a year.

"His time at the facility really depends on how well he does there," Goldman said. "So far, he's awake and able to move his hands."

Friends and family members are amazed at how well Kazantsev is handling his condition.

"He's been holding up really well," Goldman said. "He knows he has a lot of friends and relatives supporting him."

The first item he asked his family to bring to the hospital was his PlayStation 2.

"There has always been a PlayStation involved in his life," Goldman said.

Even though Kazantsev doesn't entirely have feeling in his

fingers, his sister said he has enough to get by with playing his favorite game, Final Fantasy X.

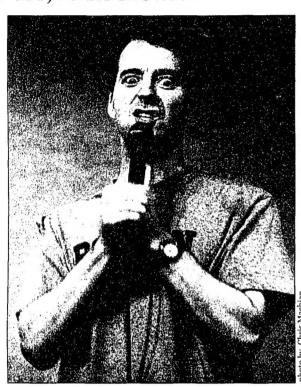
"He plays pretty good," she said. "He tries really hard."

Due to many requests to help the family with their expenses, a benefit account has been set up at all Great Western Bank locations. For more information, call 551-4310.



Paval Kazantsev

FUNNY GUY, FUNNY SHOW. . .



Comedian Juston McKinney perfoms for students inside the Milo Bail Student Center Wednesday afternoon.

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days and six hours before he finally gave up his struggle. He died Sept. 19 after spending his last week in critical condition at the hospital. Posthumously, he was promoted to sergeant.

A former UNO student, Pratt was a criminal justice major who last attended the university in the summer of 1996 as a junior. He joined the Omaha police force on Sept. 10, 1996, where he worked patrol, the vice unit and was a volunteer for Omaha's SWAT team.

Pratt leaves behind his wife, Stacy, and two daughters, Madison, 3, and

Jordyn, 81/2 months.

Since Pratt's assault, area residents have showed a flow of sympathy for his family. Several fundraisers to benefit his family have been organized and the community support is ongoing.

Monday, Mayor Mike Fahey announced the sale of T-shirts in support of Pratt's family. The shirts have Pratt's shield on the back and the Omaha Police logo on the front. They are on sale for \$15 at four local businesses: Big Fred's Pizza, 1101 S. 119th St.; Joe Tess Place, 5424 S. 24th St.; Lo Sole Mio, 3001 S. 32nd Ave.; and Mangelsen's, 3457 S. 84th St.

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alternatives in terms of responding to and solving that problem?"

A possible outcome of the research might involve discovering that certain places are more vulnerable or would have a higher economic impact if attacked, Wagner said. In those cases, steps could be taken to make those areas more secure.

The project is part of an effort by the University of Nebraska System and other individuals and institutions from around the area, including UNMC.

"UNMC has been quite successful in terms of various federal grants associated with homeland security," Wagner said.

Another project involved in the research is the International Academy for Advanced Decision Support, a project started by Wagner about 18 months ago. He said the organization has close to 100 members worldwide who are interested in

decision support systems. Members include computer scientists, mathematicians, behavioral scientists and artists of various kinds.

"It's about creative problem solving," Wagner said.

UNO's theme for the project, he said, is the use of modeling to rehearse the future. The final proposal is due Oct. 6.

The center would bring prestige in terms of academic and research excellence to UNO, as well as money to support student and faculty researchers, Wagner said.

"Once you get connected to a significant funding agency like this, it gives you the opportunity for continued funding in the future," he said.

The research center will be the first of its type in the United States. The project is funded at \$4 million for the first year. The DHS is expected to announce the center's location in November.

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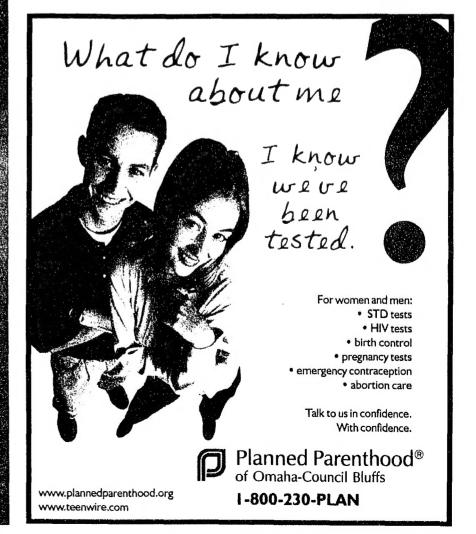
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Debunking the myths surrounding economics

Economics is toughest subject to teach. I am not talking about teaching economics majors or economics minors. We normally don't have problems with them. I am talking about the general public. The so-called lack-ofinitiative-in-economics folks. That effectively means most

It's so tough a subject to teach to the man-in-thestreet, but not because it is a

difficult subject. In fact, contrary to popular belief, economics is not necessarily a highconcept, math-heavy, brain-drenching kind of rocket science.

The problem boils down to one single thing; people don't want to hear about it.

You mention economics, they turn the page. You start talking about comparative advantage, they switch channels. The guest speaker goes GNP, supply-and-demand and trade deficits, most audience members go-"Yawn! Yawn!" and "Yawn!"

In fact, to most people, econ and business are so boring that those in the media have to come up with the biggest redundancy in English language of the 90s, i.e., "going forward," and add it to almost any econ or business program they have, as in "As the CEO of Microsoft, Bill, what do you think the PC market will be like in five years, going forward?" It's like if they don't use the ever-redundant phrase, the audience will incorrectly assume they are asking Bill Cates for his great insight of what will happen five years ago. "Going forward," how nice a phrase it is. It makes whatever question that contains it so much more powerful and interesting, that you suspect



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someone inspired it from Hollywood.

thing The about economics is that a lot of people misunderstand and misconstrue the subject right from the beginning, long before they ever so much as even touch the first page of any good economics text.

To me, the biggest myth about economics is that it's just like any other business subject. This can never be further from the truth. If you

will take just one thing with you from today's column, I suggest that this be it: Business - Making profit for the firm, while economics - Increasing society's total welfare (I can already hear some Rush Limbaughs walking out on me, but let's make it clear once and for all that economists don't mean social welfare as that of the programs variety. In economics, social welfare = The sum of happiness of all the individuals in the society).

In other words, if you want to effectively learn how to make money especially a lot of money — through business, then enroll in business classes like Marketing, Management, Accounting, Human Behavior in Organizations, Corporate Ethics, Business Strategies, Business IT, Entrepreneurship and so on. If you are an ingenious person and apply enough efforts to these classes (and later, perhaps more importantly, to your very businesses), they will help you stand out from the competition and make a killing.

Economics do not particularly claim to teach you this. On the contrary, one of the most fundamental economic theories says

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Lack of education

With most of this month being Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month, I would like to share with you something I wrote over the summer. I had meant to send it into the Omaha World-Herald as a small editorial, but I believe students might understand or benefit more from this type of issue. I will not necessarily touch upon a topic that will hit home right away, but one that will make you think. It will make you think about high

school, even back to elementary school and how much of your education— our education, has been incomplete.

Imagine being a Hispanic, Native American, Chinese, African American, or even a Caucasian student attending elementary through high school in the United States. Every quiz involves one of three things: European culture, compassionate past presidents, or the names of gifted British writers. What about quizzes concerning slave chants, Native American reservations and Hispanic histories? No student could answer those questions. The reason? Whoever established the U.S. education requirements saw no need for students to study almost anything beyond European history. The time has come, however, to realize that education needs to reflect population. Introducing many new histories and cultures would contribute to ridding the country of undue ignorance.

With western European civilization, history, literature, etc. being the most commonly emphasized topics in schools, not only are multiethnic students unable to acquire the necessary knowledge of their own heritage, but their peers are also closed off from knowing anything more than white European history. The population of fullblooded European Americans, or anyone of a full-blooded decent, is constantly dwindling. The United States is supposedly home to



Shauna Foster

many nationalities, races, and cultures; the "melting pot" of the world. Yet, how many different cultures does an average student spend more than one or two days studying?

One would hope that someone with a grade school through high education could answer multiple-choice questions about Latinos, African Americans, etc. The truth, however, is the complete

opposite. For instance, if we asked a student to recollect what they ever learned about Native Americans, the only prominent thought would be that Native Americans were never acknowledged until late November. In other words, they were not spoken of until around Thanksgiving. The same treatment goes for African Americans and Hispanics. Even when they study these two cultures, they bring up the same people's names, year after year, with the same responses.

Then finally, after completing high school, all students take a big sigh of relief. Their education is the key to success, so they were told since age five. Unfortunately, no one bothered telling those five-year-olds that their educations were going to be limited. Limited to learning supposedly about a prosperous people, people who stole land, sold others to slavery and caused more pain and hatred than happiness. Though, nothing has come to change, except time. The change of time requires a change in people, a modification of life, and hopefully, a conversion of education.

I would like to add one last thought. I would like to know why some people do not understand why certain times of the year are set aside to respect a specific culture? Though

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

Lalso am an American. As such, L believe all who choose to make their voices heard in the public sphere should be heard, and am thankful that The Gateway chose to publish both Mr. Josh Bashara's article and Mr. Brandon Barth's response to it. However, upon reading both, there were a few points that I would like to address, because I feel they were either misleading or factually erroneous.

Mr. Bashara's editorial, which proudly complained about everything from a false, overaggressive sense of patriotism to the way the post-war Iraq situation is playing out, did that and only that. It complains rather than critiques. When one complains, one points out the problems without offering any solutions, often with destructive results. When one critiques, one explains one's position and offers some solutions. Regardless of how I feel about complaining rather than critiquing, I do deem one section of his article entirely unfair.

He claimed that he has heard many 18-year-old boys bragging about their deeds committed in the Middle East during our country's invasions of both Afghanistan and Iraq. While this may or may not be the case, I feel this is misleading for two reasons. First, an 18year-old member of the armed forces, if

they truly are that young, will undoubtedly act in a manner different from your average college student, and one cannot fault them for this. It is a way of desensitizing yourself to prepare for the absolute randomness of death in battle, and to come to terms with traumatic deeds already committed. Secondly, I do not personally know any soldiers who have yet returned to brag about their deeds from either invasion, for the very reason that most have not yet done so. Right now, as made obvious by President Bush's appeal to the United Nations for help, our armed forces are desperately needed to help with the logistical mess that is post-war Iraq and Afghanistan. I do not believe that the public would tolerate such belligerence if it were so blatant and widespread. I do not admire the type of work those in the armed forces have to do. And even though I do not agree with the decision to invade Iraq, I thank them for doing it and hope that they will act with honor and compassion.

I must now address Mr. Barth's article. It seems that it is popular now to measure one's "patriotism" by outward appearance ("First, does he even own a flag?"). Mr. Barth uses the old Stalinist line of "dissent equals treason" here. Whether or not one chooses to own, fly, or project the image of an American flag anywhere

on their person or property does not in any way measure one's "degree of patriotism." Calling Mr. Bashara unpatriotic or "a spoiled college student" does not address the issues Mr. Bashara brought up in the first place. It is an argument ad hominem; it seeks to discredit the speaker by insulting the speaker personally. While Mr. Bashara himself used this technique in his editorial ("all backward-thinking, NASCAR watching, People magazine-reading morons out there"), this does not excuse

Next, the claim that we are justified in invading Iraq because of the events of Sept. 11th, stated near the end of his letter, was absolutely incorrect.

Mr. Barth leads us to believe that, similar to how the tragedy of Pearl Harbor justified the U.S. entrance into World War II, so Sept. 11, 2001 justifies the invasion of Iraq. This is absolutely false. The President of the United States himself has addressed the nation and said that Iraq had nothing to do with the horrible events of Sept. 11, 2001

Also, the claim that we

did or did not "taint" the cultures of Japan and Europe by fighting and then reconstructing after World War II is not a fair comparison to make to the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan. In Europe, the U.S. shared a common cultural background (Judeo-Christian religion, common or related languages, common ancestry, etc.) with its allies Great Britain and France, and in reconstructing West Germany, with the Germans. We do not share these traits with the countries of Iraq and Afghanistan. Let us then look at Japan, a country with an entirely different and unique language and culture that we

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Take a chance, achieve to get where you want to be in life

KEN MCNICKLE

Columnist

We all remember the days of kindergarten when our teachers asked us what we wanted to be when we grew up. Most responded wide-eyed, with a huge smile. "I want to be a fireman," "I want to be a doctor," or "I want to be a zoo keeper."

When we gave our answers, we were greeted with praise and told that if we really wanted something and tried hard to get it, we could achieve anything.

Funny, but things seem to change when we grow older. As we progress through school and life, we are gradually pulled away from our dreams and we are taught that conformity and stability are more important than reaching for something out of the norm. What's wrong with following a dream? I don't recall in my experiences in working with kids hearing anyone say, "I want to be a gas station attendant," "I want to be a telemarketer," or "I want to file taxes."

In our society, the "acceptable" path to follow is to graduate from high school, go to college, receive a degree and then find a job that pays well so you can afford to someday buy a nice house and car along with being stable for the rest of your days. This may work for some and it may truly make them happy as well, but I think I'm betting safely when I say that not many people truly in their hearts want to follow this somewhat mindless path.

Recently, before leaving home for my third year of college, I was talking to Ben, a close friend of mine. We discussed what we were doing in school and where we were hoping to end up in a few years. I said I was getting my degree in psychology so I could go into counseling and therapy. Because to me, there's no greater reward than to help people feel better about themselves, and the world

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it seems utterly ridiculous to me, I knew of some people at one point who became upset because of the established cultural awareness. You know what? Get over it! Grow up and realize, as much as people hate to admit, there is not much equality in this world. I hate to be the one to blatantly point it out, but open your naive eyes and glance around. If these months were not set aside, too many cultures

around them.

When I asked him what he was doing, he said he was hoping to get his degree in business, sounding unsure. When I asked him what he was planning on doing with a degree in business, he said he had no idea.

With that I prodded him, "What would you do if you could have any job in the world?" He told me he'd test drive cars for Car and Driver or Motortrend. He said he would then write on how well they performed and what he thought of them.

When I asked why he doesn't shoot for those goals, he gave me a blank facial expression. I told him that if that's really what he wants to do and if it'd truly make him happy, then he should switch his major. I also encouraged him to try and contact such magazines for an internship.

Basically, I tried proving to him that there is a way to achieve whatever you want in life. Since you only have one chance around, try and make the most of everything.

My advice for all of you is the same. Follow your dreams. If you really want something, then shoot for it, and don't stop until you've reached your goals.

Too many people go through life unhappy with their situation. Once it's too late to go back, they go through life unhappy with their situation. Unfortunately, they're left spending the rest of their days with their "business" degrees, regretting that they never took that chance to do something that would truly make them happy. Regardless, if you want to be a doctor, an astronaut or the "fry guy" at your local McDonald's, work hard for whatever you want. While putting all your heart into it, you might just accomplish your goals.

Nothing in life is unattainable. The only thing that hurts worse than failing is to live with the regret of never taking the chance.

would continue to be under-appreciated.

Now some of you may be asking, "Why did I waste my time? This was in the past for me, why should I care now?" Your college education, your children, your life, those are the reasons to care. Ignorance will not be the teacher of life. Do not let your children be misled by their education. Make up now for what you unknowingly missed out on in the past.

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fought and then reconstructed. The Japan of today takes great effort to in fact restore, maintain, and celebrate its traditional culture, for the very reason that many Japanese feel it has become too "Americanized" or "Westernized."

While I may personally agree with Mr. Bashara on many of his points and disagree with Mr. Barth on many of his, I cannot say that I felt good reading either work. Personally, I feel both writers should

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that in a perfectly competitive market (most of American businesses are very close to this most of the time), no firms will make *any* profit after adjusting for risks involved.

A college economics professor once told me that because of this reason along with some others (another one he liked to cite is that most economists he knew of were very risk-averse) most economists do not quit their safe jobs and enter the business world like a gung-ho lion. But when you look at business majors, especially those enrolled in Entrepreneurial Studies classes, they can't wait till they finish school to start their own business! Business magazines, college alumni newsletters, local papers and other publications are full of such success stories (Nevertheless we still can claim our very own - a University of Nebraska alumnus and Omaha native - Warren Buffett who majored in Economics and later struck out on his own barely a few years after his Master's program at Columbia).

Trust me on this. Economics is not business. Some say they are cousins. If they are, then they definitely haven't seen each other for at least twenty Thanksgivings. In fact, economics is so different from other generally profit-oriented business disciplines that, if you would just squint a little, and if the angle is right and the light is perfect, your economics professor starts to look like Karl Marx. The more you read into The Wealth of Nations (the bible of economics written 227 years ago by a Scot named Adam Smith), the more it sounds like The Communist Manifesto.

But all these can never be more wrong. Economists are strongly for individual choice. Ditto for full and total democracy. Economists ardently support personal freedom. (A lady who married an economist once complained to me that whenever or whatever she asked her husband for an opinion on, he'd go: "Honey, make your

feel ashamed at using such misleading and *ad-hominem* laden arguments. We as university students are here in the hope that we might become LESS ignorant and MORE understanding of the world in which we live. I hope both writers remember this next time they decide to publish. As the horrible events of Sept. 11, 2001 taught us, there is more than enough ignorance in the world as it is.

Ryan R. Dudzinski

own choice" or "Your choice is the best one, dear." She used to equate these responses to be uncaring, lack of interest, indifference. things negative, until I steadfastly swore by it that coming from an economist like her husband is, this is perhaps one of the best, warmest, verbally cuddly displays of love she can ever get!) We don't interfere into others' lives. Sure we say things. No doubt, we do our share of attempts at convincing others to change their political views and voting patterns. But they all stop right there. We don't yell "Super liberal!" or "You're stupid!" like some on the Right and Left like to do, respectively. At the end of the day, we all respect each and every individual's

If you say socialists generally tend to identify more with Democrats than the Republicans, then I would say that economists generally identify more with Libertarians than the Republicans, The biggest difference between socialists and economists is that while most die-hard socialists would readily vote for their favorite party, economists believe strongly in the magnificent power of the marginal. In a future column, I will pull out data from presidential elections of the past three decades. To show how one vote in the middle 10 percent of the political spectrum [read the moderates] actually counted as much as 10 times in deciding who sleeps in the White House as that of the other 90 percent of voters! So they tend not to waste their votes on some parties that don't stand a decent chance of winning.

Someone once said that it's good to marry an archaeologist because the older one gets, the more interested the spouse is in him or her. To which I add, control freaks should seriously think of marrying an economist, because, he or she gets to rule big time! Within the little world called home, one effectively becomes the King/Queen!





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FEATURES

"Barrio Daze" ties Latino culture, stereotypes to create funny sketches



Adrian Villegas acts out his one-man show "Barrio-Daze".

JOSIE LOZA

Editor-in-chie

Dozens of UNO students got a glimpse of barrio life and a lesson in "barrio-ology" Tuesday during the one-man comedy "Barrio Daze."

Adrian Villegas, Latino Comedy Project writer and star of the comedy, tied Latino culture and mainstream stereotypes of brown people together to create a series of funny, yet passionate, sketches.

"I thought his work was phenomenal," said Luis Muralles, cultural awareness programs coordinator and student organizations adviser.

Villegas took his audience on a one-man tour through a single day in the barrio. He brought a hand full of unforgettable Latino characters to life. Each of his characters used a familiar Latino stereotype as its starting point: the immigrant gardener, the hopeless panhandling *borrachon* (drunk), the ex-con, the quick-tempered bus driver and even the Hispanic political hopeful.

The show began with a lecture by the esteemed Professor Villegas, tracing the history of the "vato sapien" from Spanish conquest to the present day. He explained elements of the past and today's Latino community: the spirit of the conquered and that of the conqueror, the greatness of the ancient Mayan civilization side by side with the brutality of the Spanish conquistadors.

The play dissected stereotypical views that many groups have of Hispanies. During each of the monologues, the characters expanded beyond their caricatures, becoming well-drawn individuals with thought-provoking and touching stories.

"He showed the many different faces that Hispanics have," said Yessenia Diaz, a UNO student.

Jessie, the fast-food employee, spends his entire break complaining about the scrawniness of white women and the difficulty in getting a promotion due to his lack of people skills, only to find out that his listener speaks only Spanish and hasn't understood a word that

he's said. And Joe, the bus driver with a Tex-Mex twang in his drawled r's, is ready to tangle with any passenger opposed to his passion for Tejano music.

"I liked the drunk because he was kind of funny." Diaz said. "In the end, he told a moving story about how good he was doing until he lost it all. You could tell that he was hurt by losing his daughter."

Many audience members could relate to at least one of the characters.

"It's education," said Muralles, "Sometimes in order to educate people, you have to show reality."

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UNL does not have a shuttle system," Buck said. "If there was an interest and student demand for it, it would be a matter of discussion [between MAT and UNO]."

Buck also said that Crossroads parking has dramatically helped parking on campus.

However, due to the tight schedules of some college students, taking the bus isn't always an option for everyone.

Buck said that mass transportation can sometimes become a complicated situation when students go from school to work and other scheduled activities. This is one of many reasons why students opt to drive their own vehicles.

So the verdict? It all depends on the preference of the individual student and what works for he or she.

For more information on the MAL system, fines, passes and bus schedules to be a manufacturing grown

Late night munchies, meals not always a bad thing

LEIA BAEZ

Entertainment editor

It's 2 a.m. and you are starving. To eat or not to eat? That's the question.

Numerous studies have shown that eating late at night is a big no-no because the body's metabolism lowers in the evening, which causes a higher percentage of calories to be stored as fat.

In fact, according to Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders, Inc., eating late at night is known Night-Eating Syndrome and could even be considered an eating disorder.

One study suggests that more than a quarter (27 percent) of people who are overweight by at least 100 pounds eat mostly at night.

But there's good news. These studies don't apply to everyone.

Marcia Adler, coordinator of UNO's Student Health Services, doesn't agree with what some of the studies suggest.

"Those studies need to consider the population and a person's lifestyle has to be taken into account," Adler said. "Most college students go to school all day, then physically work evening shifts and are hungry when they get home."

And eating late at night wouldn't be a bad idea.

"The brain needs fuel to function," Adler said. "And as long as it is part of the caloric intake for the day, it's fine.

"If you know you are going to go somewhere at 10 p.m. where they are going to have pizza, then you should skip the primary entrée during lunch or supper and then eat the slice of pizza at 10 p.m.," she said.

Freshman Jessica Zavala routinely eats dinner

late. Zavala, whose family is from El Salvador, said she usually eats at 9 p.m. because that is the traditional time for dinner in El Salvador. Zavala also said her family is busy during the day, so eating later in the evening is more convenient for her family.

Eating late at night is also common for a lot of students who live on campus.

Sheila Ramlet, an employee at Home Team Pizza, 4636 Dodge St., said most of the restaurant's business comes during the late-night delivery rush from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

"We go to the UNO dorms quite a bit," Ramlet said. "Pretty much all day and all night."



entrée during lunch or supper and then eat the slice of pizza at 10 p.m." she said.

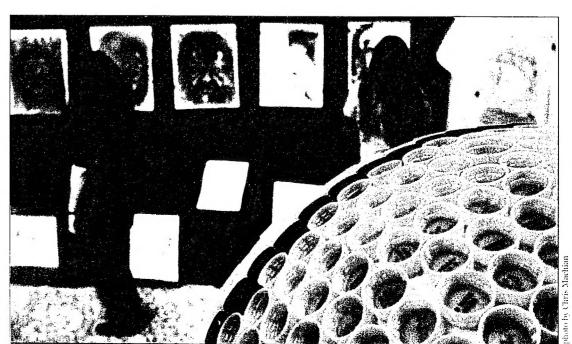
Ramlet said that Home Team Pizza has a minimum of five delivery drivers during the week just for the latenight rush. During the weekend, there has to be at least 10 delivery drivers for the late hours.

McDonald's, Taco Bell, Arby's and Wendy's are also businesses that satisfy late-night hunger.

Whether it is early in the morning or late at night, everything you eat in one day should be counted toward your caloric intake, Adler said.

"The issue is our bodies would all be better served if we ate smaller meals more frequently," Adler said. "It's all part of planning and managing the caloric intake and the portion sizes."

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Left, Rachel Endo, director of American Multicultural Students Agency with Kimberly Hsu, assistant director of AMS look at some of the art at the cultural diversity fair.

Gateway's recommended Rental: Memento

MIKE SEBBY

Staff writer

"Can't remember to forget you."

Powerful. Probably one of the greatest quotes in cinematic history. In context, the quote fits right in with Memento, a film equally deserving of its praise.

More than likely, you've heard the name of this movie thrown around in various conversations or perhaps heard references to it, but just never made the correlation. Of course, that's assuming you haven't seen it before.

And with that assumption, it begs the

question: why not find out what the fuss is all about?

Memento is one of those movies that snuck under the radar in 2001 and floated through the theaters merely by word of mouth. For most independent films, this is routine and not uncommon if they somehow do creep into mainstream theaters. However, Memento was... different. It somehow lingered and began to cause a stir amongst those who wandered into the theatres to see it. This movie was sticking to people's minds and it showed. They told their friends about it and they told their friends about it and

on and so forth.

After two years of commotion and a ripple effect similar to that of a tidal wave, Memento has rightfully secured itself as a quintessential film noir classic that everyone must see at least once in their lifetime.

When dealing with a film like Memento, you must clear your mind and absorb what you see, because if you miss something, there's no turning back. And this absolutely can't be stressed enough.

Even when you do open your mind, director Christopher Nolan will keep

they told their friends' pets about it and so finding ways to keep your head spinning and twist your thoughts into knots, more so than any other movie has done before. And he does it all with only three main characters and a \$5 million budget.

Do you even want to know the premise?

After the disturbing opening credits, we are introduced to Leonard Shelby (Guy Pearce), a man who is confused about his own whereabouts and who he really is. This is convenient because we have no idea either.

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"Breaking" becomes popular among students

J. Parker Adair

Senior staff writer

From James Brown to Afrika Bambaataa to The Rock Steady Crew to MC Hammer to Mix Freestyle, break dancing has taken over the dance world, creating a hybrid of artistry, selfexpression and great athleticism.

Breaking has spread in Omaha and is a hit on the UNO campus. Anyone who attended the Diversity Fair on Wednesday were treated to the stylings of Mix Freestyle, a group mostly consisting of UNO students who decided to form their own breaking crew.

One of the originators of the crew is London Yang, who started breaking with his brother Vao when their cousins came

down from Minnesota about six or seven years ago and showed them some moves.

London said, "They came down here for like a week and showed us some moves, and we got the hang of it."

From then on, the Yang brothers dedicated themselves to breaking. The crew has competed in the Battle of the Heads in Omaha and Vao won the first Fresh Fest in Omaha, placed first in the Renaissance in Iowa and made the finals in Bulldog, a competition in Lawrence,

For London, it has become less about competition and more about just having

London said, "I use it more for exercise, to stay in shape."

> taken over the Health and Physical Education and Recreation Building's gymnastics room Tuesday nights after 8:30 p.m.

h brothers are both Millard South graduates and have recruited several members of their church to come learn to break. Both have gymnastics background, which helps them with their aerials and

Among the crew members are Annie Kwak, who ioined because her brother was in it, and so were all the friends she hung out with.

" I just like dance, all kinds of dance from swing to the clubs," Kwak said.

dancing movement

was James Brown when he came out with the "Good Foot." That became the big dance style and dancers would gather in Harlem, N.Y. to "battle" or compete against each other in dance. In the early days, breaking was mainly just a fast footwork thing called "floor rock."

In early 1980, the Rock Steady Crew revolutionized the breaking world as they grew in popularity in the clubs of New York.

Rock Steady added a vast array of acrobatic moves including windmills, head spins, hanglides, etc. Wild Style, a hip-hop movie by Charles Ahearn, brought the crew to the forefront and

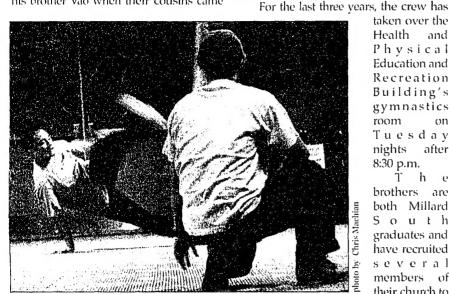


original Breakdancers in the gymnastics room practice for a pioneer of the break display in the Milo Bail Student Center the next day.

popularized the art even more. By June of 1982, The Roxy became the preeminent dance spot in New York and breaking was officially big.

Today, many UNO students enjoy breaking, and crews like MixFreestyle are having fun and expressing themselves while teaching all sorts of people how to dance. Even members of the Maverick wrestling team, like Shane Unger, have joined the crew as an alternative way to stay in shape and have fun.

London expresses that anyone is welcome to come Tuesday nights after 8:30 p.m. to dance. No experience needed, but once you get started, he said, it will be one amazing experience.



London Yang is one originator of this "break" group.

File sharing vs. the broke college student's wallet

J. Parker Adair

Senior Staff Writer

A good portion of college students do it everyday, if not several times a week. They do it in their bedroom, the den of their parents' house, perhaps the dorm, at their friends' house and even in the library. All of these people doing it everyday in everyway has brought scrutiny. Some say it is unethical, and if it continues to go on in such

mass quantities, lawsuits

would be filed. Of course we're talking about file sharing. In the last few years, millions of songs, programs and videos have been downloaded illegally via the Internet. The original file sharing service, Napster, was started by college student Sean Fanning to show his triends how

Today, there are programs like Kazaa, Xolox, Limewire and many more that allow

they could share their CD collection via the

anyone with an Internet connection to download just about any file that they want. As a result, record companies want Finding a student to comment on the

topic was easy. Finding one who would not do so anonymously was impossible. One student, who has downloaded hundreds of songs from various internet sites said that the best programs are Limewire and

WinMx, but there are also programs that cost 99 cents a month like MP3University and Emusic.

The student also said, "As long as you don't share any files, there's no way to know what you have.'

For the most part, students are a little on edge, but willing to keep downloading songs anyway.

Another student said "Sure it's bad if you get caught, but just about every student is

doing it, so it's tough to get caught."

Other suggestions have been that once a file is downloaded from a website, move it into another folder, such as 'My Music." In doing

so, people who are looking to share from you, are finding nothing at all, thus giving

no evidence that you are sharing at all.

Steven Lendt, director of Information Technology Infrastructure at UNO shed some light on the process of how these record companies are able to find out who is sharing what. When a source is shared, the sharer becomes identifiable through and IP number. The Recording Industry Association of America monitors some of these sites and looks for heavy content being shared. If a large amount of files are being shared, they will request information



The Bitter View reunites for last show at the Music Box

CHERIE REICKS

Staff writer

The sad rumor is true.

The Music Box will officially close its doors Oct. 31 due to financial hardships. However, until that time, the Music Box will still provide the live music and sophisticated atmosphere that has always been in its reputation. In preparation for the closing, local band The Bitter View along with Old Boy Network and Anonymous Americans are planning to give the Music Box one last send off on their scheduled performance Oct. 17th at 9 p.m.

The Bitter View members: Greg Edds, guitar player and Kyle Harvey, singer and guitar player were willing to give their insights on the closing of the Music Box along with information about the reunion performance of their band. The Bitter View has a history of performing at the Music Box since joining together as one of the many local groups based out of Omaha. The Bitter View describes their music as meaningful lyrics based in a rich rock sound.

They have performed at the Music Box, the 49'r, Ranch Bowl and in other cities such as Kansas City and Lincoln. After they had been together for a year, age differences and financial strains forced the group to lessen their musical efforts while still keeping in close contact.

On hearing the news of the Music Box closing, the band decided to join together for a send off show before the nightclub closes its doors for good. The band has always felt a sense of camaraderie for each other and for the Music Box.

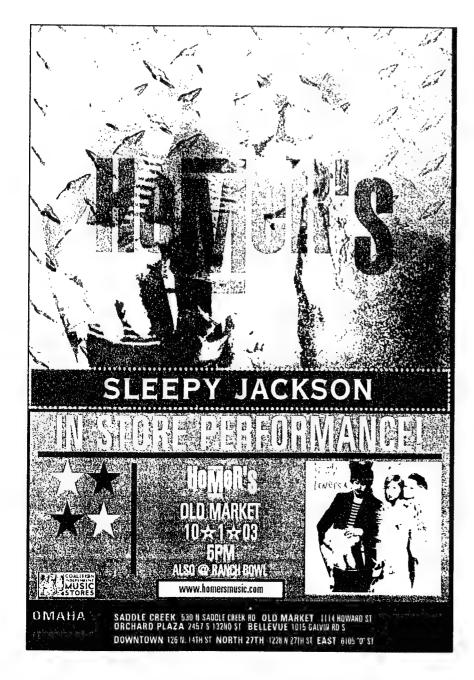


The Music Box is closing its doors on Oct. 31.

"We are sad to see it close, it was a good outlet of a lot of bands," Harvey said. "It was one of the places in town that offered a more mature venue where people came to hear music."

Harvey and Edds both described their first performance at the Music Box as overwhelming and extremely exciting. Before, they had only been exposed to places where music was not the main focus, but the Music Box had offered them what felt like a taste of the big time. The club atmosphere was professional and the feeling from the audience had been more

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It's HIP-HOP and it don't stop: The latest news in the industry...

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~ Rocker Lenny Kravitz and P.Diddy united in the new "Show Me Your Soul," video. The two musicians used to live on the same block as kids.

~ Rapper Jay-Z has signed a deal with MTV to publish his autobiography, which he's going to call "The Black Book." Jay-Z's co-writing the piece with hip-hop journalist Dream Hampton. The book is slated to hit shelves in the spring.

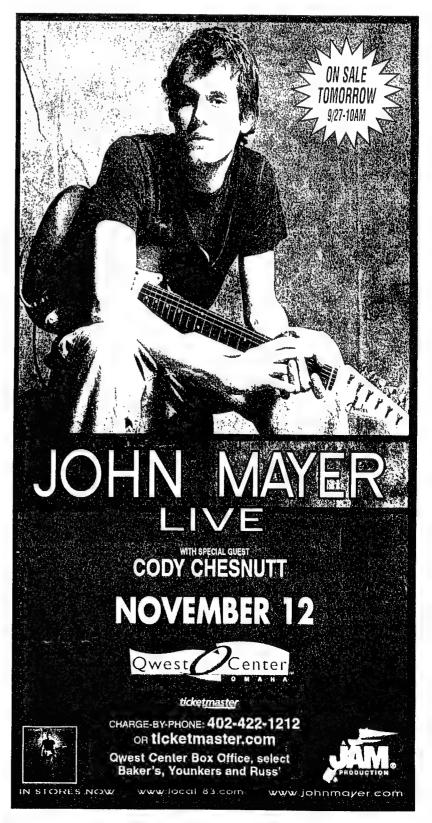
~ The Ying Yang Twins recently hooked up with the queen of pop, Britney Spears, to record a new song. The new song, titled "I Got That Boom Boom," will be included on Spears' next release, Get In the Zone, which will be released on November 18. According to the group's management, Spears wanted to hook up with the group after hearing their hit with



Rock and roll artist Lenny Kravitz unites with P. Diddy.

Lil' Jon & The East Side Boyz, "Get Low," which is presently No. 4 on the Billboard Hot 100 Singles chart.

SOURCES: <u>www.rapindustry.com</u>, <u>www.MTV.com</u> and <u>www.eonline.com</u>.



Freshman stress and depression prompts universities to offer more assistance

LINDA K. WERTHEIMER

The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

The young woman in the prom dress scrubbed her clothes repeatedly in the dorm laundry room, mumbling to herself about finishing a master's thesis.

But the 18-year-old had neither a prom to attend nor a master's thesis to write. She was a University of Dallas freshman who had two weeks left before finals.

She was experiencing freshman stress to the extreme, a problem that's not new, but getting more attention than ever.

Universities everywhere are taking steps to identify and help troubled students and to teach all students how to cope emotionally and physically so the pressure of college doesn't drive them out of school or into mental illness.

The University of Dallas in Irving this year started training resident assistants to help students. Other universities have added counselors and nutritionists.

"A lot of colleges used to have the attitude with students, 'If you don't do it, that's your problem," said Karen Levin Coburn, assistant vice chancellor for students at Washington University in St. Louis and author of Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Today's College Experience.

"Now, there's much more of an attitude [of], 'We've brought you here, and we know you can succeed here, and we're going to give you the support,' " Coburn said.

The newest addition to prevent stress at Washington University is an office on health promotion and wellness. The medical school runs lectures for students to show them what happens when they don't get enough sleep. A nutritionist warns about how too many cookies and pizza can affect the psyche, too.

"It's really the basics," Coburn said. "One major issue for college students is sleep deprivation. When you don't get enough sleep, you feel stressed."

During its last school year, the

University of Dallas year referred more than 40 students, a record high, for counseling. Most of them were among the school's 300 freshmen; UD has about 1,200 undergraduates. Eight to 10 students went to hospitals for psychiatric treatment.

In the past, three or four UD students were hospitalized per year, said Fred Zuker, the school's vice president and dean of student services. Many students came to school with diagnosed mental illnesses, but others simply succumbed to

more stress than they could handle.

Freshmen tend to be in the worst straits, and college seniors, who worry about what's next after graduation, come in second on the stress scale, Zuker said.

Christina Dammen, an 18year-old University of Dallas freshman from San Francisco, is working six hours a week. After about a month of college, she said she's already stressed and short sleep from juggling fun, work and classes. She goes to bed around 2 a.m. or 3 a.m., and then must get up for an 8

"There's a lot of reading, plus there's the fact that it's one big sleepover," Dammen said. "People are coming into your room constantly."

Colleges have long needed to do more to respond to freshman stress, said Linda Sax, an associate professor of education at the University of California at Los Angeles. Sax conducts an annual survey of freshmen. A recent study of 3,680 students from about 50 colleges indicated that students' sense of emotional well-being declined through the freshman year.

"Absolutely, we need to pay more attention to students' psychological well-being and stress. Students tend not to turn to the campus for help," Sax said. "They tend not to use advisers or counselors. They turn to their friends. The effect of those friends can sometimes be positive or negative."

At the University of Dallas, part of the solution now is to turn resident assistants, u s u a l l y upperclassmen who live in and help s u p e r v i s e dormitories, into

troubleshooters.

Suzanne
Burgess said she felt
helpless last year as
she dealt with
several stressed-out
students. It was
Burgess' first year as
a resident assistant,
and two of her
charges talked about

suicide.

"I didn't expect to deal with so many d i f f e r e n t p s y c h o l o g i c a l disorders and stress problems. When you're in it yourself

as a freshman, you're sort of oblivious to a lot of that," said Burgess, now a 21-yearold senior in her second year as a resident assistant

Burgess related the story about the freshman in the prom dress. The student's problems had been mounting through the school year. Other students would report

that she said strange things.

But Burgess, who knew to look out for alcohol and drug abuse but not stress or depression, didn't become alarmed until the laundry room incident and calls of concern from the student's parents. The freshman eventually was hospitalized and never returned to UD.

Shortly before school started in late August, Laurie DeKat, UD's first full-time doctor, trained Burgess and the other resident assistants. She jotted down symptoms of depression and stress on a chalkboard for the students gathered in the lounge of a residence hall.

Southern Methodist University has addressed freshman stress by adding a part-time counselor and extra counseling interns from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, said James Caswell, SMU's vice president of student affairs.

Caswell said it's clear that students' anxiety grows during college.

"It grows only because of our society and what the expectations are and what they bring with them, for heaven's sake," he said.

James Cannici, director of the student counseling center at the University of Texas at Dallas, said he's not so sure students are any more stressed now than they were in past decades.

"Young people throughout history have always had a great deal to deal with," Cannici said. "Becoming a young adult is challenging for anyone at any time period. Are there more stresses now? You could make a case for it with terrorism, more broken families, more alcoholism."

The stress decreases some after freshman year, said David West, a 21-year-old senior and resident assistant. That first year, he was trying to make friends, get good grades and figure out why he was even in college.

"My biggest worry was just being happy," West said.

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CCHA season preview and predictions

BRIAN BRASHAW

SPORTS EDITOR

Another hockey season is nearly upon us and soon many sports will be in full swing. With UNO moving to the new Qwest Center, the question is: Will the Mavericks talent match the attraction of the new arena? Let's take a look at the Central Collegiate Hockey Association to find out where UNO stands.

Teams are listed by predicted order of finish:

Michigan Wolverines

While having a strong returning corps with 17 returning letter winners to their NCAA semi-final squad from last year, Michigan has more than talent on their side. Michigan has history, tradition and Red. Head coach Red Berenson doesn't allow a down or "rebuilding year" on his ice. The Wolverines are as solid as any team in college hockey right now. And one can expect another trip to the playoffs, let alone a CCHA title. They did lose two key weapons in Jed Ortmeyer and John Shouneyia, but no worries, the Wolverines continually reload.

Ohio State Buckeyes

Contrary to the media and the coaches, I like Ohio State better than both Ferris and Michigan State. The Buckeyes will have to overcome major losses in Scott Titus, Miguel Lafleche, Pete Broccoli and Eric Skaug. But with R.J. Umberger, Scott May, Paul Caponigri and most importantly, goalie Mike Betz, Ohio State has the power and defense to make a run, at second.

Michigan State Spartans

Defensive hockey haters be damned. The Spartans have won for decades with that style. Now with second-year MSU coach Rick Comley throwing offense into the mix, the Spartans may just have the double-sided attack takes to actually get to the Frozen Four ... next year. This team has lost too many players from the Ron Mason era to get much further than potentially the finals of the CCHA.

Ferris State Bulldogs

Unfortunately for Ferris State, their

window of opportunity to play NCAA should provide stability between the pipes. Cinderella closed when Minnesota booted them from the playoffs. Now with Chris Kunitz gone and Troy Milam not anchoring the defense, Ferris will have to look for scoring from other sources. Goalie Mike Brown is very good, but will end up being over worked. Ferris state could fall anywhere to eighth.

Northern Michigan Wildcats

I don't like Northern Michigan at No. 5, but there is seriously that much falloff from the top three or four teams. The Wildcats will have to look for strong and consistent goaltending from senior Craig Kowalski, but scoring may be a problem. Northern lost their top four scorers to graduation. Dirk Southern had 33 points for NMU last season, and the sophomore will be looked upon to fill the scoring role again. Also NMU has Jamie Milam, who scored 24 points as an offensive defenseman.

Miami University Redhawks

Miami could very well rise to the top four of the league if the double trouble twosome of Mike Kompon and Greg Hogeboom continue to click. They each had over 40 points last year for the Redhawks. Offense won't be a problem. Goaltending could be. Miami has one senior goalie, Nick Petraglia, with limited college experience, and two freshman. Petraglia didn't even play in one game in goal last year. All three goalies will compete for the job and the Redhawks will go as their goalies go.

Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks

This is my going out on a limb pick. The Nanooks return four very talented forwards on Ryan Campbell, Felipe Larranaga, Cam Keith and Jared Sylvestre. Goalie Preston McKay is capable, but not always solid. The Nanooks are only losing five guys from last year and the distractions are hopefully gone. This may be another year this team makes more noise than expected.

Western Michigan Broncos

Lots of young talent returns for the Broncos, which should aid their run come mid-season. The defense needs work, but former Omaha Lancer goalie Mike Mantua

The Broncos can be explosive, whichever team skates that night.

Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks

An interesting study indeed. The alltime leading scorer is gone, the all-time leading defenseman is gone and the goalie with all the records at UNO is gone. But UNO will have a lot of excitement surrounding the new building, which may actually put a couple wins on the board itself. This team is very young, UNO's youngest since the inaugural season. Funny thing is freshman goalie Chris Holt has the most college experience of any of the three Maverick netminders and yet he hasn't even put on the uniform. Holt played against a mixture of college squads last year with the USA Under-18 national developmental

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

The perennial underachievers of the CCHA are at it again. The defense returns a solid core, but much of the offense has graduated. The fate of the team will rely heavily on forward Rob Globke, defenseman Neil Komadoski and goalie Morgay Cey. Three main guys won't be enough for the

Bowling Green State Falcons

All of a sudden, the football team is good and hockey sucks. Sound familiar? There is one key loss in goalie Tyler Masters, but Jordan Singalet is just as good. Offense will be a problem, as will defense, and everything else you can think of. Bowling Green is the definition of the team that you should beat and don't. The doormat that bites back. Kevin Bieska and standout sophomore Mike Falk should provide a few

Lake Superior State Lakers

Speaking of doormats. You almost want this team to be really, really good, for nostalgia sake. Lake State won a few titles in the mid-90s and then succumbed to the small school curse. It's not enough for a school's athletic program to be good at something, they have to be good at everything. So went the recruits. Matt Violin is a good goaltender and Jon Booras is a good forward, but the team is just going to struggle. The Lakers scored just 1.43 goals per game, by far the worst in the league last year and won just six games. The entire Michigan Upper

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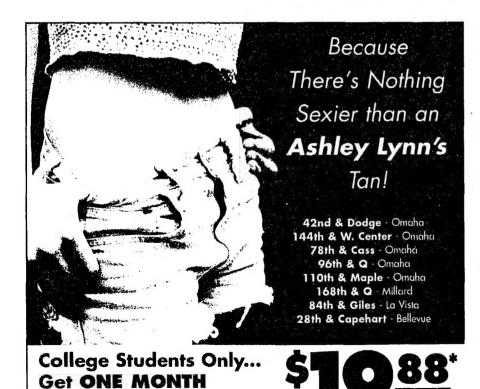
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Intramural game of the week: Boondock Saints ride QB in win over MXC

CODY ORTIZ

Staff writer

Move over Mike Vick, there is a new stud quarterback in town, by UNO intramural standards.

His name is Nate Breske. He is the leader of the powerhouse Boondock Saints intramural football team.

Though the score doesn't show it, the Boondock Saints easily handled Maverick Cross County (MXC) on a very cold Sunday night, 22-6, on Al Caniglia Field.

Breske, who played football with Northern State University in South Dakota two years ago, started the scoring with a touchdown pass early in the first quarter. Following a safety on the next MXC drive, he added another touchdown pass to make the score 22-0.

When asked, with his team up 22-0, how they were playing, Breske said, "We're not playing that well tonight."

Well then, what is your team like on a good night? I would normally name the player of the week, but I am going turn it up a notch and name Breske as the favorite to win the player of the year. He finished the

game with two touchdown passes and had two interceptions on defense. Breske's experience allows him to pick apart any pathetic contender.

MXC scored late in the game after intercepting a pass from Breske's backup at quarterback. MXC went for a two-point conversion following the touchdown. How do you think that conversion ended?

Well, if you were paying attention above, you would know that none other than Nate Breske intercepted the pass.



Nate Breske on the Boone Dock Saints

How fitting.

The Boondock Saints are ranked No. 1 by the oft clueless Intramural Crew, but this one is no fluke. The Boondock Saints is one of the best teams in the Intramural Flag Football 'A' League. Its record is now 2-0 with the other win a 40-0 shutout in the opener. MXC falls to 1-1 on the season.

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The plot begins spiraling outward as we learn that Leonard is out to avenge the death of his wife, yet suffers from short-term memory loss, a condition he "received" when he attempted to interfere with his wife's murder. This essentially means that his last permanent thought is the sight of his wife dying. Everything between then and the time of the story-taking place is virtually non-existent in his mind.

With such complications, though, it would seem impossible for him to ever get anywhere in his search for revenge. However, Leonard has devised an elaborate system of tattooing all the information he receives about his wife's killer all over his body, thus making it impossible for him to forget or lose anything important.

Leonard has also made a routine out of taking Polaroids of people and places in order to keep track of who's who and what's what. Two of the more significant people he meets are Teddy (Joe Pantoliano) and Natalie (Carrie-Ann Moss). Both characters never really interact with one another, but they both have a lot to do with Leonard. Teddy and Natalie both seem like shady characters and this is when we sympathize for poor Leonard and hope the best will come out of all the obstacles he runs into despite the odds.

Another strange tidbit is the addition of a character by the name of Sammy Jankis (Stephen Tobolowsky). To Leonard, he is nothing but a memory of a man who was a client of his when he was an insurance investigator. Sammy had the same condition that Leonard has now, but for some strange reason, Leonard constantly feels compelled to keep digging up his memories of Sammy and the similarities of their illness to tell the people around him. The routine almost seems like

a release for him, and yet we wonder why he dwells on Sammy when his wife's killer is afrot

Over time, however, things become increasingly complzicated (as if they weren't already) and certain inconsistencies arise that are crucial in character development and pivotal in understanding what has happened and what's to come.

Oh, and by the way, the movie is shown completely out of order. Yes, just to make things more difficult, the scenes of *Memento* begin at both the end and the beginning of the story line and work their way to the middle where it all ends and you're left in your seat with your mind reeling. Just to make it easier, however, scenes going forward are in black and white and the scenes going backward are in color. Don't worry about it, though. You'll get it.

It all sounds more complex than it really is, but it just requires a little thought and attention on the viewer's part to fill in the blanks and arrange the mess that's left in its wake.

And last but not least, it would be wrong to praise everything and not mention the acting. This was a breakthrough performance by Guy Pearce and really showcases him as being one of the most underrated actors around today. Where is he now and where's his Oscar?

Joe Pantoliano is in true form as the wise-cracking, sleaze-bag that is Teddy. We don't know whether to love him or hate him. And Carrie-Ann Moss turns in a subtle yet significant performance as the mystery woman- sly and seductive, yet potentially dangerous.

If you let it in, *Memento* will set up camp in your head and stay there for as long as it needs to be. You are given the puzzle pieces, but you need to put them together. If you shut it out, then just forget about it

Sebby says: Remember Sammy Jankis

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personal to them

That first night, Edds had felt a little stage fright at seeing the large crowd, while Harvey had been enthused and more than ready to start the show with the other two band members. That performance allowed them to earn other job offers and a loyal following of fans. Shortly after, they opened for Roger Kline and the Peacemakers, formerly The Freshmen. The group is best known for the song titled, "Lately," which is part of their three-song demo.

"We always open with "Lately" and the crowd loves it," Edds said.

They have also had success with their single "Frail," which has been frequently played on 89.7 The River. Edds said hearing that song on the radio for the first time was one of his best experiences in music.

"The first time I heard us on the radio, I called everyone," Edds said. "It felt like we were really making it somewhere."

Along with their music, The Bitter

View also has a light-hearted comic blend intermixed within their shows. They believe in keeping things fun and upbeat. Their goal is to entertain the audience in any way possible.

The group is sad to see the Music Box close, but they are excited to be doing one last show. They can compare no other establishment in Omaha to what the Music Box had to offer to the community.

"When venues shut down, we as musicians are forced to search for new creative avenues." Harvey said.

Despite such a setback, Edds and Harvey have promising future plans.

Harvey is now working on a solo CD to be released next month, while Edds is concentrating on his education at UNO. They plan to make a live recording of their performance that will be available to general audiences in November after the live performance at the Music Box.

The final performance at the Music Box will be their Halloween Bash featuring The Confidentials.

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from an Internet Service Provider. Most ISPs will not give out individual information on their customers, but if the problem does not correct itself, the RIAA may subpoena the information and file a suit.

Lendt mentioned that by moving your shared files to another folder and not sharing files, you greatly reduce the target, however the RIAA may share "false files" to see who is trying to download what.

There are other ways around these big companies. Lendt suggests staying away from Kazaa and Edonkey, as they are larger named companies and are more likely to follow a Napster-like fate.

Lendt says, "There are smaller companies everyday. People are becoming more stealthy in how they share their music."

UNO is also very much like an ISP itself and the TT department has to deal with illegal file sharing as such. If a student/faculty member shares files on the UNO network, the RIAA may intervene, in which case UNO can either block access to a certain site or in extreme cases ban network use altogether.

While this may seem like it would be the end of file sharing and the beginning of a jail sentence, Lendt stresses that UNO does not release individual information and does not monitor specific content.

Since 1998, the RIAA has estimated a loss of more than 300 million dollars domestically and has also closed five lawsuits on illegal file sharing. Punishments can include up to five years in jail and \$250,000 for a first offense.

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Sig Ep A, Pike A, and the Grapplers keep racking up the Ws. It will be interesting near the end when they play against each other. The game of the week will be BRB vs. The Dirty Soven. The Dirty Seven will try to give BRB their first loss of the year. The sleeper in the A league is M.X.C. They lost to the Saints but can do some good stuff if they work on their defense

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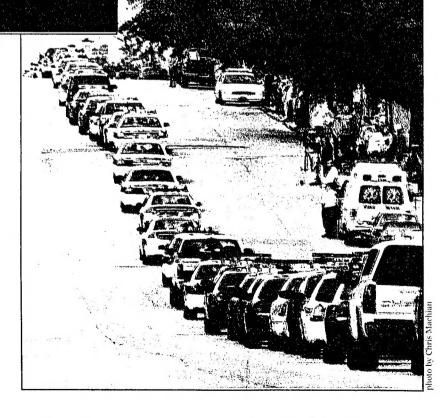
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